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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Office of Energy Security (OES) has selected the individuals to serve as members on an Advisory Task Force (ATF) for the Xcel Energy Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) Extend Power Uprate (EPU) and Request for Additional Dry Cask Storage Projects. The ATF will assist OES staff in developing the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and in determining specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be assessed in the EIS.

STRUCTURE

The advisory task force members were solicited, per Minn. Stat. 216E.08, subdivision 1, from the following:

A. Local units of government:

Goodhue County
The City of Red Wing
Township

B. Prairie Island Native American Community (members)

In addition, the Advisory Task Force includes private citizens, who live, work or own property on or near the PINGP. Plus up to four additional members from nongovernmental organizations (Environmental Interest Groups, Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders).

CHARGE

The Advisory Task Force members will assist the OES EFP staff in developing the scope of environmental review for the EIS being prepared for the three PINGP dockets currently before the Commission (PUC Dockets E002/GS-08-690, E002/CN-08-509 and E002/CN-08-510).

The OES EFP released a Draft Scoping Document on August 25, 2008; this document will service as the foundation of the ATF's work. Tasks relating to development of the scope of the environmental review will include:

1. Familiarize the membership of the ATF with the proposed projects by reviewing the Certificate of Need applications and the LEPGP Site Permit application;
2. Review the Draft Scoping Document produced by the OES EFP staff; and
3. Assist in determining specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be assessed in the EIS by adding detail to the Draft Scoping Document.

The Task Force will expire upon completing the above charge or upon designation by the Commissioner of the DOC of Scoping Decision.

The ATF will meet on three consecutive Wednesday evenings in October, the 8th, 15th and 22nd. The meetings will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Community Room of the Red Wing Public Library and are open to the public.

To learn more about the proposed PINGP EPU and Request for Additional Dry Cask Storage projects, visit the project webpage at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19602>

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